

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

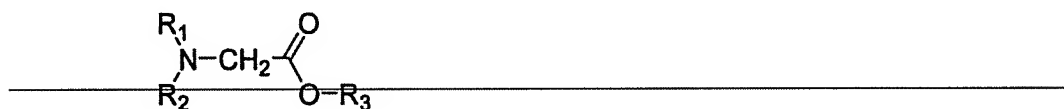
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method of shrinking a skin pore ~~or inhibiting parakeratosis~~ comprising:

using glycylglycine in order to shrink the skin pore ~~a glycine derivative represented by general formula (1):~~



(1)

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~~(In general formula (1), each of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aminomethylcarbonyl group, or an aralkyl carbonyl group; and R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, or an aralkyl group. However, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms).~~

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled).
32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, comprising applying an effective amount of the glycylglycine ~~glycine derivative represented by general formula (1)~~ to an external surface of skin.
33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32 , comprising forming a skin preparation comprising the effective amount of the glycylglycine ~~glycine derivative represented by general formula (1)~~ and applying the skin preparation to an external surface of skin.
34. (Cancelled).